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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE TO AUSTRIA: STEYR-MANNLICHER BUSINESS

WITH IRAN

REF: STATE 195350 AND PREVIOUS

Classified By: Economic-Political Counselor Gregory E. Phillips

[1](#). (SBU) EconPolCouns delivered reftel demarche on October 25 to Dorothea Auer, the Austrian Foreign Ministry's assistant secretary level Director for Non-Proliferation.

[2](#). (S) Auer undertook to investigate the issue of plans by Steyr-Mannlicher to export weapons technology to Iran through its Malaysian subsidiary, and legal options for Austria to stop such transfers. We stressed the importance of the issue to us, and noted that there should be means of stopping technology transfers through third countries, especially when the intent of the transfer is clearly to evade export control laws. Auer agreed, and said she would report on available mechanisms.

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